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# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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